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SUBJ: FY 77 CU COUNTRY PLAN

REF: STATE OM 9/1/76

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES THOUGHTFUL REPLY TO CU CP SUBMISSION
AND WISHES MAKE SEVERAL COMMENTS RE REF OM.

2. SINCE CP WAS DRAFTED, POST HAS LEARNED OF SEVERAL PROPOSALS
TO SURVEY CURRENT RESEARCH ON PROBLEM OF UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANT
WORKERS (PROJECT B-1-B) UNDER AUSPICES OF GOM, AND US. AND
MEXICAN ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY ROLE
IN SUCH ENDEAVORS WOULD BE MINIMAL, ALTHOUGH POST WOULD LIKE
TO BE IN POSITION TO RESPOND TO LOCAL REQUESTS FOR RESOURCE
PERSONNEL, SHOULD ANY SUCH REQUESTS ARISE, ON A LIMITED BASIS.

3. CABLES AGAIN CROSSED ON SUBJECT ACYPL RPROJECT (B-2-A).
EMBASSY PLEASED POSITIVE CU REACTION (STATE 226764) AND STUDY-
ING POSSIBLE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TO MAKE AVAILABLE ADEQUATE
FUNDS FOR 2-WAY EXCHANGE.

4. REGARDING CLEARINGHOUSE PROPOSAL, INFORMATION ON
CURRENT STATUS CONTAINED MEXICO 8650 AND 11163. EMBASSY
REGRETS THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN LIMITED AND CANNOT PREDICT
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AT THIS TIME WHAT, IF ANY, CU RESOURCES WOULD BE NEEDED.

POST WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

5. PROJECT C-4-A HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS AND FUNDS FOR IT WILL NOT BE NEEDED.

6. EMBASSY REQUEST FOR CU PARTICIPATION IN ANNUAL CERVANTES FESTIVAL WAS BASED, AS IN YEARS PAST, IN IMPORTANCE GOM PLACES ON THIS CULTURAL EVENT. CU/ARTS HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY RESPONSIVE IN THE PAST, AND EMBASSY HOPES SUCH ASSISTANCE CAN BE COUNTED ON THIS YEAR.

7. OF PRIMARY CONCERN TO EMBASSY WAS CUTBACK ON JUAREZ FOREIGN STUDENT GRANTS. OM INDICATES CU'S DECISION TO FUND ALL PROJECTS IN CP SUBMISSION (SUBJECT TO EXCEPTIONS NOTED) BUT CP REQUESTED SEVEN NEW STUDENT GRANTS (THREE IN A-2-A; TWO IN B-1-F; ONE IN C-2-C; ONE IN C-3-C). EMBASSY STRONGLY REQUESTS THAT ALL SEVEN POSITIONS BE FUNDED. ADVISE ASAP SINCE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES NOW IN PROGRESS.
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